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Notebook

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 1999).

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Girls Rule!



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In a world where everyone tries to be themselves, it seems that everyone finds themselves conforming and becoming what everyone else expects them to be. But what is that? How do they know who we really are? Is it the clothes that we wear? The hairstyles? The music we listen to? The people we are with? Or are these things just a mask? In many ways, we are afraid how others might perceive us if we were truly ourselves. Sometimes you want to scream when all you want to do is be yourself.

These years in school are a stepping stone leading in that very direction. You slowly begin to form your identity and learn about who you are and what you want to become. Friendships are forged, strengthened, or lost. Tastes in clothes, music, and other interests are in a flux. Many students will argue that things like a dress code stifle who we are; however, many students have still found ways to stay within dress code and be unique. From spiked hair to colored, from plain socks to outrageous designs, from professional ties to crazy cartoon ties, we can find fun ways to be ourselves. Remember that very soon we will each step out into the world and move on. Without the tools given to us in school, we may not have the opportunities to truly do what we want or be what we want. When one of our friends tells us that we shouldn't bother to do work or to study, all that is doing is causing us to conform in a way that will not allow us to eventually become who we want to be.

As these pages are turned and "stories" are remembered, you should focus on the one thing that is the same throughout - everyone is unique. Everyone is different. If there is one thing we should remember, it is this: Now is the time for us to...



# BE DIFFERENT!



Above Gorilla Man is a familiar sight in the junior high lunch room. He is there to protect all who are in need of an extra boost of electrolytes!



Bribe Mr. Pagon with Spider-Man comics. Remember everyone gets one.



Above Suzie Miller (11th) performs at the 1st Edison Dance recital.



Above Some students like Mark Watts and Logan Miller love to perform crazy human tricks in order to impress the ladies!



## MEMORIES IN USA

Hello my name is Pethany Jane Ladró, an exchange student from the Philippines. I'm one of the exchange students granted with a yearlong scholarship from AF - US (American Field Services Youth Exchange Study) to study and live here in America.

Being thousands of miles away from home is not that easy but I overcame this fear and I enjoyed and I'm still enjoying every single moment of my yearlong stay in America. This is the first time I have ever been out of my country. So, I was scared but excited of the things that I will encounter while I'm here.

There are a lot of differences between US and the Philippines, the way the people, the culture and especially the educational system. But because of these differences I was able to learn a lot about America. The way I have seen United States in movies and news was what I've seen what I first came here but I've seen more than that by the time I stayed longer.

The experiences I had with my host family and friends have been so great for the past couple of months. My host family treated me as one of their family members and I treated them as my family. We enjoyed doing things together and we really had a great family bonding time. The friends that I have now have been so nice to me. We enjoyed each other's company we shared a lot of things between us.

Edison High School is a very nice and wonderful school. I had a great year here. The teachers, staff and students are hospitable and nice. I learned a lot of things from the school and it helped me develop my skills and it helped me boost up my confidence. At school I was able to participate in this year's play (Macbeth Jr.) and I was able to participate in contests like the regional science Olympiad, project expo and many others.

Now that I'm near to the end of stay I would like to say thank you to all the people who have been a part of my stay here. Thank you to my host family who always there for me. You gave me a wonderful experience of being in an American family. The guys are the best. Thank you to my friends for all the times we had together. We had a great time together and I'm so happy that I met you. Thank you to the teachers who enriched me with more knowledge and who were always welcome to answer my questions. Thank you to the school administrators and staff who are really hospitable and helpful. Thank you to my schoolmates for being so nice even though you didn't know me.

To all the people who had been a part of my yearlong stay, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY (thank you very much). I am really glad that I met all of you wonderful people. You have made my stay meaningful and colorful. I will never forget all of you and I will really miss you. You will always stay in my heart and I am hoping to see you soon.

"I'll be your friend 'til the end, that's a promise. And I plan to keep it no matter what. If someday an friendship should fade, I'll look back and remember the promise I made." - Jeffrey Lordoda

This has been a really great experience for me, having a little bit of freedom for a while and meeting different people from all over the world is just so awesome. I'm glad that you became a part of it.

IMPAWAT AT PAPALAD SAWA KANO AG DIOS (live long and may god bless all of you).

Keep in touch: [spencer\\_girl05@yahoo.com](mailto:spencer_girl05@yahoo.com) : p

When I first got here, I felt like I was living an unimaginable dream... would be a good theoretical sentence to start but it would also be pretty boring. To be honest when I first got here I was calculating how many months I was going to deal with different stuff, and problems and prejudiced minds. Seems like I had a big prejudiced mind myself because of having an opinion like I was surrounded by prejudiced minds without even knowing too many people. I was very prejudiced minds in an sentence. One windy air force, maybe to have their homeland for a year and deserve their homeland, suffering difficulties of being a foreigner and/or stranger lead us on experiment. I didn't have anything to complain about. They were trying to train us to accept the culture shock, a new environment and society, new habits back in the old country. Culture shock literally means getting shocked or surprised because of seeing a whole different old deal. But the idea of getting left alone, assisted in seeing new stuff, going with detachment and not being able to get over it in less than 1 minute. Sounded kind of fake to me. So, actually not the differences but the similarities shocked me if you want to use that word and dramatize it. I don't think that people would grab a stick and start poking me with it to make sure I am safe before they start talking to me. But I know that it was going to be a little difficult to adjust. I know I would like perfect chance for an excited, active culture immersion since the main reason why I actually came here was to take a break from my transitory life and relax for a year. That's why when I faced a wrong or twisted opinion about me, my culture, and my country sometimes I tried to explain the truth, sometimes I just let it go, and other times I joined that very erroneous ideas. Since people who sent me over here will probably never read these pages its do for me to tell it. I guess the saddest thing about being an exchange student is that u can play the stupid guy whenever you have a hard time in a class or with a teacher. You can act like all you want to do is bringing best peace wishes and smile of a little innocent boy and u can ditch a class or do an assignment just in doing that. Especially if u are coming from outside world, you know that kind of people had already put u in a category even though they say it to your face or not... So instead of getting persecuted and begin to learn about it you are actually using it for your own good. You can waste a lesson hour talking about your religion, culture and race with a teacher being too careful about not offending you. Or you can make the bunch of people think that Turkey is at Middle East like I just did. "See it's so easy to rotate people with your foreign power. But the Ude Pon advises to spider-man!" Remember, with great power comes great responsibility. So its good to use this power for your own benefits as less as u can. I learned I had at Edison was almost done with how I thought they were going to be like I would like to add some memories starting with "Dad! Remember that are time..." but they happened and now they are gone just like in the definition of temporary.

So no need to worry about them anymore; there were really funny ones, and also and plenty of other ones with plenty of other minds. Oh ye who reads this page right now, if u really care about an exchange student's body memories there will probably be an email address at the end and I will really think that I will reply you, just send me an email, I will probably reply it when I see how optimistic and helpful you are about life. I think again when I realized that US or at least Edison High was already a multicultural place, I knew that majority wouldn't care about another race which was exactly how I had wanted it to be not to be divisive. For the first couple of weeks it was always good to be the loser when I was trying to choose my future friends. One preexisting decision for not to compromise myself with wrong people. The thing really makes me feel weird is that those friends I was planning to hang out with until the end turned out to be really nice people. So these friendships I was planning to have for not getting to hard because are of the most beautiful things I've ever felt. And when you think about it, it's really strange to feel like that for a guy who wouldn't even bother to write some memories from his senior year. To sum up, I feel kind of messed up because causing here for a year, resting, studying, resting more and going back was something really weird for me like I've ever been to another country before or did something like that; and feeling really unusual things with sincerity and seeing the differences about morals and main beliefs while u are doing something that u consciously think it is useful kind of mixes u up or at least makes u question. [www.kahlan.com](http://www.kahlan.com)

-Parok Oadimir

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My journey through the corridors of time in ten months has been the most memorable part of my life. I'm happy to take this wonderful opportunity to make "world friends".

My stay in Indiana has been very fruitful, and it started when I met so many students from so many backgrounds, climates and countries, but we all are the same. Just like the five fingers of a hand are not the same size, but all of them required to do work together.

The American word would be enough to describe my whole school experience, "AWE" - "W". Going to an American High School, which was completely different from the school, which I had studied in India. In the beginning of the school year, I had some difficulties making friends but you have more friends than I have ever had since 15 years of my life in India, Mexico, Africa, Asia, Korea, and now I can't forget these three people for being such a great friend. Last but not least, a very close friend of Mrs. Price. The more things for which, everyone waited for whole year, was.

Having an American Family, which was completely different. They love me as they love their own kids, maybe more than that. I still always remember them for their warm love to me.

Attending American Festivals, Thanksgiving and Christmas was the best. Thanksgiving taught me the essence of thankfulness, not to forget Halloween, which was also really exciting.

When I go back to India, I will have so much to tell everyone, but it will still not be enough to describe my stay in USA. At the end I want to thank all my friends, teachers for their help to make this year successful for me. I would like to say thank you to the "W" program for allowing me to say "W" - "We can do it!"

From Malaysia

My Experience at Edison High School

First of all I want to say thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to write this letter for you because you can remember me when I already go.

Anytime when I came to Edison High School I had the really happy because that school is really different like my school in Indonesia. And then during at school I can improve my English language which is I always talk with the people and heard them. Edison High School is really good for me because that school is small and all people there are nice to me until I got a lot of friends and I a lot fun with them.

Edison High School make me be a good sportsman because every single sports I joined and then now I can learned all sports for example; I was in track team and then I was really happy to joined because I have a lot friend and more experience so I can tell my friends when I go back in my country. There is another thing I can tell about this school is about the P.E.M. because at my real school in Indonesia we don't have it the that and then this is my first time joined from in America.

I wrote this letter because you are guys don't forget me when I already leave in America and then I hope you always remember me.

Last thing I want to say are more thank you very much for you all guys to support me and enjoy with me. If anybody want to connect to me I will give you any email and my address.

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Volatiles

I liked Edison Jr. - Jr. High from the first time. I came there, I'm so glad I was on that in this school, not only because of my exchange friends went there, but because I made a lot of new friends too. All of the teachers and students were really friendly and helpful. THANK YOU! The people I'm going to miss the most are my teachers and my friends, of course. And the best of all teams in the world - my track team and the best coaches Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, you all.

The whole staff of the Madden Jr. and an amazing director

- Mrs. Kottler

Thank you for giving me a chance. I enjoyed being in the play and on the team. Oops! I almost forgot my favorite things about Edison and American homework and the school bus.

That would be it.

With love and respect, Crazy Russian Exchange Student

First of all, thank you to Edison yearbook because they gave this chance to the exchange students to share our experiences when we were here. Thank you so much!

It was just like dreaming when I woke up in the morning. I was in United States of America. My dream came true when I got this chance to stay in United States even if it was just 6 months. Before I began my story as foreign exchange student, I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Nazirah Radzicki from Malaysia. Being far away from family is the hardest things I've ever done. It was the challenging thing I faced when I opened my eyes in the morning. I was by myself in the stranger place. But I just sat in my room this life is not complete without any challenges. Furthermore, these experiences made me more independent and motivated in how to arrange my life without my real family. Thanks god because I had American family that I stayed with who are really helpful in helping me all the time. They accepted me as their own family and treat me like their own child. Thank you mum, dad, and my sister. I think now is the best time to share my experiences in Edison High School. Edison is 2 times smaller compared to my school in Malaysia which is we have more than 1000 students in my school. We also have much bigger buildings and have 3 levels for several buildings. The first time I stepped my feet in Edison I felt numb all over my body. This is because I have to spend most of my time in this school and meet new people every day with the different culture. Edison High School give me sweet and unforgettable memories in my life. I will still remember the sweet time that I had even if I do. I enjoyed all my classes which is I think it was more relaxing compare to high school in Malaysia. For some, it's more relax, specially the American friends that I made when I was here. Thank you to all Edison members the teachers and staffs who are always helping me in any kinds of problem. Thank you for the teachers that taught all my classes like Mrs. Serkewski, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Garg, Mrs. Bojarsky, and Mrs. Williams. And also thank you to the guidance that I spent my time during 5th hour. Thank you Mrs. Gertz, Mrs. McCormick, and Mrs. Perryman for all your kindness to me. To the principal, our lunch you're the coolest principal I've ever met! To all my friends, nice to meet you guys and you are the most important people in my life in order to create the best moments for my staying. Even we just have the chance to know each other for a short time but it is the most important thing that I'll always remember. Thank you guys, love you! And this is my e-mail: [sadawati@proton.com](mailto:sadawati@proton.com) (you can add me any time you want!)

Sincerely, Iva / Malaysia 2008





# TEACHERS



MIKE  
ADAMIK



DAN  
AYERS



ANN  
BRAILEY



MARY  
BRUIZ



ALLIE  
DOEPING



CHRISTINA  
ELIZONDO



JEANNE  
FRENCH



JAN  
GEORGION



GAYLE  
GREEN



TONY  
HICKS



THERESA  
HOLT



NANCY  
JARMULA



JEFF  
KINCAID



MIA  
ROBLES-KOZEL



LINDA  
LLEWELLYN



KEITH  
MADERN



ALEXANDRIA  
MARTINEAU



TIM  
MCCORMICK



HEIDI  
MEYER



GINGER  
MIKULICH



LROY  
MILLER



ELUDES  
PAGAN



RITA  
PAPPAS



CHARLENE  
PLOTNER



JUDITH  
PRICE



JERRY  
QUALIZZA



KAREN  
REYNOLDS



BUTCH  
SHIPON



JOANNA  
THOMPSON



JOAN  
TOBAR



JANE  
VANHATTEN



CHARLENE  
WILLIAMS



JEFF  
WISNIEWSKI



JASON  
WOLFE

# Classic Dance



Mrs. Georgian



Mrs. Kozel



Mrs. Jarmula



Mrs. Thompson cooked up  
some good times that night



The Force is strong with Mr. Monowski



Mrs. Elizendo



Mr. Brown had to wear  
wax to be as tall as his  
date



Mrs. Price



MICHELLE  
ANDERSON



JOYCE  
GERTZ



DOROTHY  
LACO



CORALLY  
McAWN



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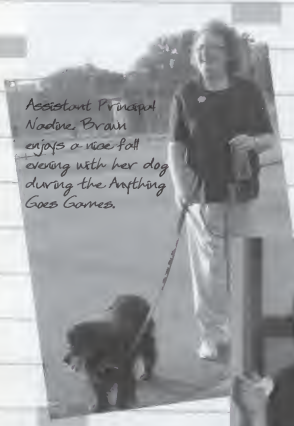
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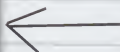
TANYA  
VANNI



Assistant Principal  
Nadine Braun  
enjoys a nice fall  
evening with her dog  
during the Anything  
Goes Games.



Ms. Brade's high  
school dance



Principal Bruce  
Bush takes time to  
sample food after  
grilling for the school  
employees during the  
end of now annual  
year faculty-staff  
cookout.



Below: Mrs. Fine conducts the high school band during the annual Christmas concert.



Below: Even teachers can have strange hobbies. The big question is, "Where is Spider-Man?"



Mr. Myers shows off his trophy which has been passed on monthly. Earlier recipients included Mr. Daeping, Mrs. Jarmula, and Mrs. Georgian.



Above: Mrs. Kozel, Mrs. Lohr, and Mrs. Ripperdon indulge in the goodies at the end of year cocktail.



Above: Mrs. Kierkowski celebrates at her baby shower in the school's community room.

Right: Mr. LoCascio enjoys the chocolate milk that he drinks during most lunch hours.





ASHLEY  
ARDIA



ALEXANDRIA  
ABRAMSON



CELINA  
ACOVICS



MADI A  
AHEARNE



DAKOTA  
AKINS



CHRISTIAN  
ALVARADO



SAVANNAH  
ARZOO



PHILIA  
BARLOWE



TOM  
BASTIN



TANYA  
BLAIR



BRETT  
BOPP



JAMIE  
BOUDAN



TAYLOR  
BRINK



HOLLY  
BRINKER



DAKOTA  
BUCKNER



ONZOLI  
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JESSICA  
CAMPBELL



DALLAS  
COLE



MONSERRATH  
CONTRERAS



ZACHARY  
COX



JOHN  
DENISIK



JOSEPH  
DONNELLY



KATHRYN  
DUCKER



SAM  
FARKAS



SABRINA  
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DAVID  
GUERRA



KEGAN  
HARRISON



LEANNE  
HARRISON



DAVID  
HERRERA



DYLAN  
MCGARNER



ASHLEY  
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DOUGLAS  
JOHNSON



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MATTHEW  
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RACHEL  
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PRAVIDIO  
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BENJAMIN  
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JOSEPH  
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RICARDO  
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DYLAN  
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ANTHONY  
METZ



NICOLE  
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DYLAN  
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CRESTA  
NASH



ZACHARY  
NOHART



CHARLES  
O'CONNOR



ARSTIN  
OLTHAM



DAKOTA  
OSTERMAN



JILLIAN  
OTTO



STEFANY  
PAWLINSKI



STEVEN  
PADDEN



KAITI  
PEREZ



AUSTIN  
POLUS



DILLON  
RIEGG



DYLAN  
RAMIREZ



JORDAN  
RILEY



KAITLYN  
RILEY



CRISTIAN  
RIVERA



WILLIAM  
SARDO



OFFSIE  
SHEWMAKER



KATELYN  
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LINDSAY  
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DAVID  
CARTER



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CLARK



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JARED  
COLLINS



TOWAN  
CRESWELL



JESUS  
CRUZ-DEI



SCOTT  
CUSTER



DEBORA  
DAVIES



JOSEPH  
DICKERSON



JOSHUA  
DROVEN



AMBER  
DWER



JAMES  
EVANS



ANTHONY  
FARLEY



JACINTA  
FITZPATRICK



ELISSA  
ERWIN



ANTHONY  
FRANCHILE



JAIME  
FREEMAN



Horace Walters

What is your hobby?

Reading books.

How many siblings do you have?

None. I am the only child.

What's your most embarrassing moment?

Being sick in class and having to go to the nurse's office.

What kind of music do you listen to?

R&B

What was your favorite toy growing up?

My dog.

What was your favorite children's toy?

Barbie.

What's your favorite TV show now?

Game of Thrones.

Who is your celebrity crush?

Progeria.

Who is your favorite teacher?

Mr. L. He is the best teacher I have ever had.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a doctor.



JAKWIVE  
FREEMAN



ANDREW  
GAINES



JESSICA  
GATZNER



JUSTIN  
HAMBY



DOUGLAS  
HECKWOOD



OSCAR  
HERNANDEZ



SAMANTHA  
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KATIE  
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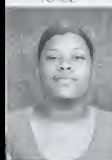
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Ashley Areyhart



Josh Hedger



Nicole Kuzemka



Karli Anderson



Marinett Cobo



Jessica Moro



Erika Verdusco

# S O V E R E I G N T Y

**Most Active:**  
Russel  
Jorgensen  
and  
Stefania  
Nikolowski



**Funniest:**  
Justin  
Taylor  
and  
Ashley  
Garber



**Shortest:** Erika  
Verduzco and  
Gustavo Chavez



**Most likely  
to be on  
television:**  
Sarah  
Ramirez  
and Josh  
Shackley



**Laolest:** Justin Taylor  
and Veronica Aguilar



**Best Dressed:** Kris Schmelzer and  
Jessica Moro

**Friendliest:** Derek Tenorio and  
Niade Kuzemka

**Most Artistic:**  
Burak Ozdemir  
and Brieana  
Pruett



**Most likely to  
be famous:**  
Kurti Anderson  
and Josh  
Shackley



# Congratulations

32 2008



Thomas A. Edison  
Junior-Senior High School

Class of 2008

## Class Motto

"To achieve all that is possible, We must attempt the impossible.  
To be as much as we can be, We must dream of being more."

Class Colors  
Aqua & Black

Class Flower  
Bird of Paradise





Amari  
Cummings

Michael  
Hewitt

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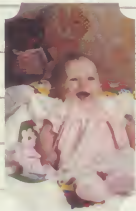
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Monique Johnson



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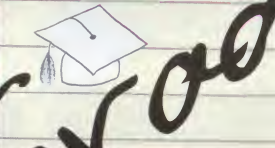
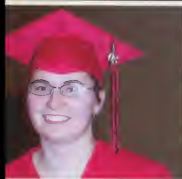
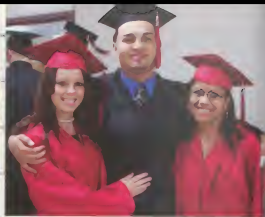
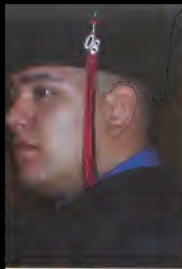
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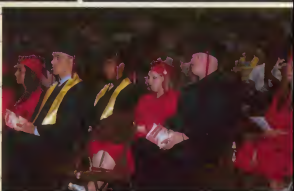
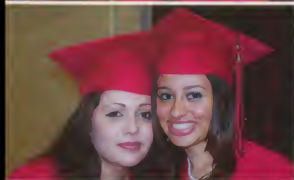
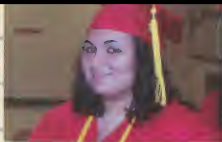






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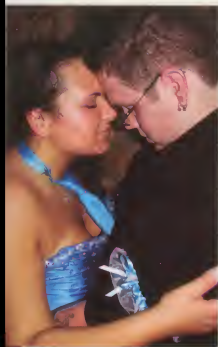
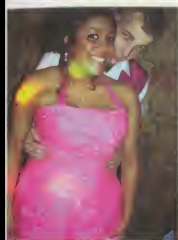


# Prom 2008



PROM ROYALTY:

CANDICE WOJNAROSKI  
&  
JOSH SHOCKLEY







Hey look, its mini-Pagans....actually they're taller than him.



Salad dressing anyone?

## Spirit Week



If Kris Schmelzer keeps it up, someone might think he is a dripl



Ashley Garber and Jessica Wydman look ready to beat some butt for the Anything Goes Games!!!

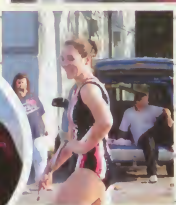


I would just like to point out that he is wearing a Class of 2006 shirt...smart kid.





# Parade



2007  
Homecoming Queen  
Candidate

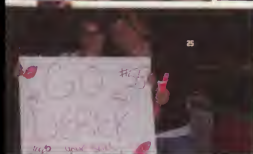
Stefan



# 2007 Homecoming Game



On October 5, 2007, the Fighting Eagles football team hosted the North Newton Spartans for our annual homecoming game. The weather was beautiful; the crowd was roaring; and everyone was pumped up for the big game to finally start. Matt Austin led the team with 5 touchdowns and 299 yards. Seniors Jan Sabo, Robert Dekmonova, and Noah Frizzell helped bring the victory home for the Fighting Eagles, with a WINNING score of 48-12. WOO HOO!!! During half-time Stefania Nikdosky was crowned Queen, and earlier that day during the pep rally Noah Frizzell was crowned King. The game was an amazing end to a wonderful week!!!



HOME	2:23	GUESTS
160		0
DOWN	DOWN	YARDAGE
8	2	4

Homecoming 45

# Homecoming 2007

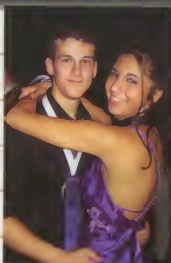


Left: This year's Homecoming King and Queen were Stefania Niekolski and Noah Frizell.

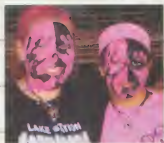
Right: This year's court - First Run: Bonnie Littell, Jessica Hays, Second Run: King Noah Frizell, Nathan Rice, Third Run: Kurt Anderson, Jon Saba, Queen Stefania Niekolski, Khadija Ibrahim, Brianna Pruitt, and Derek Texorio











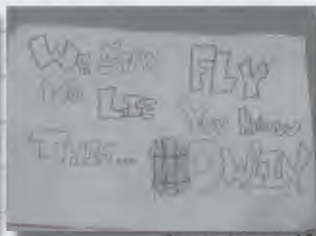
Remember to  
turn in uniform  
by Thursday

# cheerleading



## Junior High

Front Row: Maria  
Verduzco, Cassie  
Shewmaker, Angela  
Parks, Angela Aguilar,  
and Veronica Sanchez  
Back Row: Rachel Lina,  
Shelby Jones, Kaitlyn Riley



# Varsity



Back Row: Heather Miller, Amber Frain, Coach Kerr, Heather Lange-Sanchez, Dana Smith Middle Row: Cecy Kerr, Shelby Evans Front Row: Christine Wilson and Bianca Jimenez



50 Cheerleading

# Junior-Varsity



Front Row: Jessica Stratton and Natalie Asta Back Row: Juana Ortiz and Christina Guzman







*Anthony Frauchville flattens everyone in his path to victory!*



*The team relaxes before the start of the game.*



*Mike Simon stays calm before throwing the ball.*



*Hecase Walters and Lazar 'Lackosich' charge in as quick as they can!*



*Even with opposition on both sides, Hecase Walters will not allow himself to be stopped!*





## Junior High

*Top: Coach Johnson, Dakota Buckner, Jordan Riley, Joe Dannelly, Devin Smith, John Bristine  
 Second Row: Coach Szokacs, Nick Lindette, Lazar Novakovich, Justin Handley, Chris Szostek, Anthony Franchville  
 Third Row: Coach Hanson, Chris Smith, Mike Ann, Miguel Guerrero, Hasane Walters, Josh Drown  
 Bottom: Christian Sosa, Taylor Sykes, Dominique Colazo, Lucio Martinez, Orlando Salas, Val Lopez*





## LAKE STATION EAGLES



*Matching game - match the names to the faces*

Alex Suleski, Andy Owen, Coach Fuesel, Coach Maddleram, Coach Wolfe, Dakota Durbin, Derek Tenorio, Erik Hamilton, Fabian Santiago, Jarson Hesick, Joe Rixie, John Bogaeski, Jon Saba, Jordan Greer, Josh Handley, Josh Hennings, Julian Ruiz, Justin Anton, Kris Klinck, Matt Austin, Matt Dakmonova, Matt Maynard, Mike Suckles, Noah Frizzell, Roman Perez, Rene Martinez, Ricardo Alvarado, Robert Dakmonova, Ronnie Zellers, Travis Wheeler, Tyler Havell, Zakkary Helderman, Ziko Prentoski. Answers can be found with a football player



## JV Varsity

## Varsity



	us	them
Bishop Noll Institute	30	42
Calumet High	22	0
North Newton High	24	48

	us	them
North Newton HS	14	39
LaVille Jr/Sr High	6	45
River Forest HS	24	6
Bishop Noll Institute	6	45
Calumet HS	8	48
South Central HS	6	41
Wheeler HS	8	55
North Newton HS	48	12
Whiting HS	0	55
South Newton	20	61



The Fighting Eagles were really having a difficult time scoring this year. They definitely surprised us all when they won the homecoming game against River Forest! With the team all for one and one for all, they took a great deal of beatings this season. Through the late, wet nights with mosquitos attacking them as bait, they took one for the school! Hopefully, the eagles will learn to score with stronger wings! Many feel this year is the start of a rebuilding for the team.



# Red and Black Attack!



Back Row Tanya Ploir, Alexandria Aramson, Hailey Pottler, Coach Verbitsh  
Middle Row Carah Norkus, Leanne Harrold, Candice Woodell, Maria Soto, Holly Brinkner  
Front Row Cassie Sheumaker, Ashley Asta, Alexis Fisher



Back Row La'Sheea Ingram, Courtney Baccard, Morgan Tucker, Carah Schmetzer, Jessica Matthews, Emily Robb  
Middle Row Jessica Smees, and Kelsey Lemley  
Front Row Aurora Ruiz and Amber Dwyer





Front Row: Jessica Parkis, Amanda Monroy, Amberlynn Garber, Nicole Soto, Nicole Frizzell. Back Row: Lindsay Watson, Brianna Velasco, Stephanie Popoff, Coach Hite, Tamara Smees, Nicole Holik, Vanessa Marquez, Chelsea Rosco



Front Row: Stacy Pruitt, Lauren Fisher, Jessica Martin, Brittany Ericks. Back Row: Megan Tenorio, Victoria Borawski, Courtney Cox, Coach Lenkey, Amy Esparza, Kristen Owen, Amoris Pacheco



The JV team had a total of 11 wins and 12 losses while the freshmen had 6 wins and 2 losses.







# Kick, Kick, Butt



Front Row: Sarah Ramirez, Caroline Hagerman, Kaiti Anderson, Jessica Moro  
Back Row: Briana Venema, Mark Anderson, Stefania Nikolovski, Kade Holtz, Briana Pruitt, Jessica Whitman, Carson Stillo

The varsity volleyball team had a fun year with a lot of ups and downs and memories to be kept forever. With 8 wins and 16 losses the girls kept their heads up and put their best effort in every game they played.

## What was your favorite moment of the season?

"When we were running stairlaps and I went to jump on a woodbox and fell back up the stairs."  
-Stefania Nikolovski

"When Stefania gave Jessica Moro a Wedgie and Jessica's spandex ripped." - Briana Pruitt

"When I had a tiny hole in my spandex and Sarah and Briana pulled the hole and ripped the spandex all the way off." - Kaiti Anderson



*Above: Danny Kado, Mariena Jones, Coach Santana, Antonio Tambras, Filiberto Lopez*

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# *Jr. High Cross Country*

*This year the Jr. High Cross Country team was very small. The team consisted of Danny Kado, Mariena Jones, Antonio Tambras, and Filiberto Lopez. They had a short season with little competition. According to Mariena Jones, "Running was fun, but hard." While Filiberto was not able to run at all the meets, he ran at the practices and had fun working with the team. However, Danny joined the team late in the season. He agrees that the team had fun working together and with the coach.*

*Buy note cards  
for Ms. Price's  
class!*

*Purchase a sports  
cup from Wal-Mart*



Front Row: Jessica Elizondo, Tierra Grubbs, Suzie Miller, Alexia Pausik, Kirsten Falkowski, and Chelsea Dodge  
Back Row: Derrick Robb, Nolan Dodge, Coach Elizondo, Miguel Gutierrez, David Reico, and Gary Shewmaker



Tierra Grubbs went to state with the time of 21:53. She is a natural runner. She made a few mistakes at the beginning of the season but she improved rapidly after every meet. Coach Elizondo says Tierra has the potential to be the best.



RiverView Park is where all of the home meets took place.

Suzie Miller, Kirsten Falkowski, Tierra Grubbs, Jessica Elizondo, Chelsea Dodge



Gary Shewmaker, Miguel Gutierrez, Nolan Dodge, and David Reico take the lead





*Below: Chelsa Dodge, Suzie Miller, Jerrica Elizondo, Kirstin Folkowski, and Tierra Grubbs*



*Above: Jerrica Elizondo's best time was 23:37*



*Right: Gary Showmaker's best time was 19:49*



# Tennis



*Derrick Robb, Kris Schneider, Carol Kristy Hite, Anthony Malesovic, Jake Taylor*



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## Senior Spotlight



Kris Schneider has been on the Edison tennis team for four years. During his freshman year, Kris played doubles with Ron Mota. In his sophomore year, he played doubles with Davey Coughlan. During his junior and senior year, he played singles.

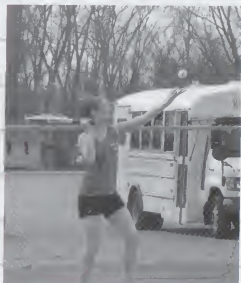
In his high school career, Kris has won his share of awards. They include the MVP award during his sophomore year, the dedication award during his junior year, and the senior dedication award. Being the only senior on the team this year, Kris took on the responsibility of being the leader of the team.

Kris has thought about playing tennis in college, but ultimately he has decided against it. However, he will still be playing outside of school for fun.

"I will miss playing tennis in general. Also, I'll miss bus rides with Derrick Robb and Kristy Hite."



First Row: Chelsea Dodge, Sarah Hodge, Ann Ehrhart, Brittney Eviko, Pamina Jimenez, Doris Starkopf, Kim Rivera, Natalie Nida. Second Row: Sarah Heather Smith, Frances Sauls, Keri Ingram, Rachel St. Myers, Nathalia Borawski, Stefania Nikodaski, Jessica Wyllman, Coach Kristy Hite.



## Seventh Grade

Back Row: Dar  
Kota Pruckner,  
Christian Sosa,  
Joe Donnelly, Xavier  
Stamper, and  
Coach Lemley

Front Row: Antonio  
Lamvas, Ricardo  
Vendez, Chris  
Szostek, Carlos  
Martinez, John  
Fazekas



Right: John  
Fazekas  
steals the ball  
away from  
River Forest



## Eighth Grade

**Back Row:** Joe Vickerson, Taylor Stokes, Kyle Abrahamson, Harlan Walters, Chris Smith, Coach Wolfe

**Front Row:** Lucio Martinez, Don Kodo, Miguel Alvarez, Chris Sulecki, Justin Paulin



**Left:** We stay fly no tie, you know this—Paulin

The team yelled this slogan because of how awesome some Josh is at 3 point shots.

**Right:** Mr. Wolfe telling the boys to get their hearts in the game.

# Flyin' High



Gametime  
is 4:30

Remember Hicks'  
homework  
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8th grade:

Front Row: Amber Dwyer, Emily Rabb, Joanne Freeman, La'shea Ingram, Tiffany Medina

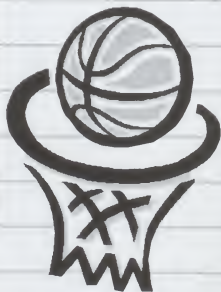
Back Row: Carah Johnson, Twanita Walker, Katie Sotter, Jessica Smee, Jessica Matthews, Kelsey Lemley



7th grade:

Bottom Row: Angela Aguilar, Alex Fisher, Kaylyn Shenmoker, Katie Riley, Cetina Azeves

Back Row: Rachel Luna, Selina Taylor, Ali Abramson, Tary Blair, Candice Waddell, Carah Lemley







# High School

## Varsity



Above: Coach Green, Jessica Wydman, Kari Anderson, Niade Soto, Suzie Miller, Marjani Cervantes, Stefania Nikdacki, Ashley Nephart, Breanna Pruitt (below Nephart), Natalie Herrera, Coach Kristy Hite Floor: Jerrica Elizondo, Solena Aguilar



Above: Stefania Nikdacki went for the shot after being viciously guarded.



Above: Niade Soto watches as Solena Aguilar prepares to pass the ball.



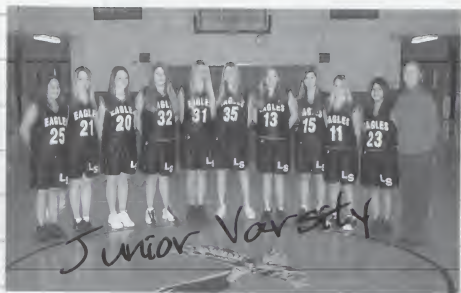
Above: Ashley Nephart takes the shot while getting blocked by the other team.

Below: Breanna Pruitt tries to cope with a headache during a high pressure game.



Call Judd and Khadi  
Superbad  
Portage 16  
10:08

Right: Jessica Martin, Louisa Ingram, Carrie Ingram, Chelsea Austin, Edna Walker, Joanna Smees, Cassie Austin, Nichelle Kouszko, Stacy Pruitt, Amaris Pacheco



Above: Natalie Herrera runs to get to the ball.



Below: Terrica steals the ball



Left: Mary at Cervantes protects the ball from the other team in order to score a point

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+  
NK  
BFF

Below: Edna Walker gets double teamed but manages to get out with the ball.



# Boys Basketball



Front Row: Mike Attieri, Jordan Greer, Ian Enriquez, Russel Jorgensen, Khalid Ibrahim, Mike Suckles. Back Row: Nick Todd, Timothy Bozeman, Coach Punter, Coach Clause, Coach Hursell, Alex Suleski, Dean Flores



Junior

Back Row: Anthony Griffin, Dylan Corradino, Kenneth Ross, Mike Suckles, Tyler Hawell, Zack Johnston

Front Row: Anthony Balboa, Alex Suleski, Coach Punter, Coach Clause, Coach Hursell, Daniel Castellanos, David Recio

Varsity





# Bowling

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Below: Alvin Cordova is working his way up to a perfect 300 game.



Front: Derek Tenorio First Row: Ashley Neiswanger, Victoria Poranski, Stephanie Briggs, Andrea Corio, Jessica Parkis, Megan Tenorio, Violet Sluder Second Row: Coach Briggs, Alvin Cordova, Daniel Pogorski, Billy Cunningham, London Reed, Robert Cunningham, Tom Seabolt, Carlos Espinoza, Coach Sam Poljak



Above: There is no doubt that Violet Sluder is about to throw a gutter ball.

Right: Dorie Starkov aka Doris has all the confidence in the world when it comes to the sport she loves.

Far Right: Senior London Reed enjoys every moment he can since this was his last bowling season.





# Jr. High Wrestling



Front Row: Steven Armes, Nathan Terry, Nathan Dodge, Jacob Whisenant, Chris Chavez, Mylono Aronson, Zach Neuhart  
Second Row: Ranie Cross, Anthony Metz, Mike Reitz, Epi Cruz, Christopher Wall, Jason Gomez  
Third Row: Coach Paul, Coach Stone, Tyler Wenger, Keith Durbin, Orlando Solos, Christian Alexander, Jeremy Nazimick, Robert Fazekas, Coach Keestone



Left: Zach tries to read his opponent's move.

Right: Keith struggles to throw his opponent to the ground.



# Varsity Wrestling



*Front Row: Josh Harris, Aaron Hammons, Jack Hammons, Andrew Owen, Steve Whittinghill, Adam Croft, Nolan Dodge, Charles Schultze. Back Row: Coach Don Mora, Robert Soto, George Amaya, Jacob Hoover, Chris Hammons, Coach LaCascia*





# Jump, Run and Throw



*Mrs. Schmeltzer and Mrs. Elizardo  
in an engaging conversation.*





Back Row: Coach Williams, Caitlin Adler, Amanda Bernard, Sonia Barth, Al Abramson, Kristina Thorp, Rachel Lutz, Shelby Jorgensen, Jessica Rivera. Front Row: Lindsay Stoltz, Janna Dwyer, Kayla Shewmaker, Valerie Miller, Leah Singh, Kimberly Walker, Steffanie Luedeman

# J R H I G H



Back Row: Lucio Martinez, Danyque Colazo, Kyle Aramson, Brett Raby, Ryan Clark, Justin Bawlin. Front Row: Carlos Lutz, Joe Dickerson, Nathan Flores, Niko Lara, Epi Cruz, Antonio Tomras



Back Row: Natalie Herron, Mariela Cervantes, Nicole Holtz, Coach Schmelzer, Jerrica Elizondo, Amberlyn Curber, Shelby Evans, Natalie Pryadkova

# S R H I G H



Back Row: Bryan Phelps, Angel Figueroa, Juan Mendez, Coach Elizondo, Jason Heide, Kris Schmelzer, Julian Ruiz, Rene Martinez. Front Row: Imran Wakhuti, Gustavo Chavez, Miguel Gutierrez, Martin Aguayo, David Pardo, Nolan Dodge, Emy Jackson, Garry Shewmaker, Oscar Hernandez

Gary's hair flies in the wind like a Bojwacht Boxel



"If I hide, maybe Mrs. Schmelzer and Mrs. Elizondo won't know I'm here!"







Kris Klinek is swinging away for a sure to be home run.

# Swing Away

Edison boys baseball team has had their hits and misses with this season. They did their best to work as a team.



Derrick Robb is fielding the ball.



Daniel Bogaski



Back Row Coach Lemley, Tyler Howell, Joe Rixie, Russell Jorgenson, John Bogacki, William Grasham, Coach Georgion. Second Row Alex Suleski, John Warren, Kris Klinek, Daniel Bogacki, Derek Tenorio, Derrick Robb



Coach Georgion discusses strategy with the team during a tense moment in the game.



Alex Suleski is rushing thru the ball back to first base.



Front Row Coach Hicks, John Warren, Tyler Howell, Michael Sickles, Mike Stavers, Billy Grasham. Back Row Matt Davis, Dallas Ramirez, Alvin Cordova, Cody Stavers, Justin Anton



Derek Tenorio rushes to first base at Railcoats Stadium.

# Hitting It Out of



Ashley Miranda



Back Row: Coach Brittany Ray, Christina Guzman, Nicole Nelson, Brexide Austin, Chelsea Austin, Ashley Machado, Megan Tenorio, Coach Michelle Miranda. Front Row: Melissa Coballero, Christina Trinidad, Stacy Pruitt, Amy Esparzo, Nicole Knight, Elisabethanne Bickett, Jessica Martin, Nykide Coine



Megan Tenorio



Chelsea Austin



Nicole Knight

# the Park



Amanda Moray



Back Row Coach Kristen Minto, Alexis Pavuk, Mary Fozekas, Stephanie Pepoff, Briana Vezeau, Emily Goughan, Nikki Frizzell, Coach Don Mora, Front Row Nicole Knight, Chelsea Rosco, Melissa Mora, Ashley Garber, Sabrina Agostini, Amanda Moray, Nikde Coine



Nikde Coine



Ashley Garber



Mary Fozekas



Chelsea Rosco



Nikki Frizzell

# G \* O \* L \* F



*Top Row: Mesa Green, Miguel Santos, Carlos Espinoza  
Bottom Row: Winston Chen*





# Spell Bowl



*Top Row: Alyssa Gilbert, Ashley MacInnes, Dorie Starkey, Nicole Coine and Nicole Knight  
Bottom Row: Brianna Johnson, Nolan Dodge, Nathan Handley and Marriquet Cabrera*

# Academic Superbowl



*Back: Mr. MacInnes  
Back Row: Ashley Neiswinger, Stefania Niklowski, Frances Savula, Brianna Johnson, Anthony Maleserio, Nathan Handley  
Front Row: Miss Jarmula, Dorie Starkey, Nikole Coine, Ashley Neiswinger, Ashley MacInnes and Nicole Knight*



In No Actual Order: Jasmine Freeman, Rachel Luna, Casey Lee, Kaitlyn Riley, Andrea Zepeda, Samantha Maffei, Cobell Lanasia, Janna Tiscavereno, Ashley Abila, Jamie Bogdan, Lauren Vandiver, Andrew Cates, Destiny Paswinski, Celina Aoeves, Elissa Frain, Kelsey Lemley, Jessica Matthews, Kris Suleski, Antonio Tamras, Brett Boby, Alexis Fisher, Joseph Dickerson, Jordan Riley, Jaime Freeman, Justin Handley, Taylor Sykes, Felicia Koby, Dan Collazo, Ali Abramson, Zack Neyhart



# Junior High



# It's A Band Thing



In No Actual Order: Noravett Cobera, Nifede Coize, Andrea Correy, Amy Espinoza, Isadora Mondragon, Zach Woodard, Bryon Phelps, Keri Ingram, Marilyn Cervantes, Stephanie Briggs, Nicole Knight, Jessica Stratton, Frances Sauls, Alex Suleski, Joseph Perez, Mary Fazekas, Heather Ruchti, Elisabethanne Pickett, Ashley Neisonger, Candace Wojnowski, Derek Watts, Christina Guzman, Tamberlyn Garber, Cady Kerr, Chelsea Rasco, Jude Soria, Zuko Prestacki, Derek Tenorio, Austin Alcorn, Suzie Miller, George Amayo, Jessica Martin, Kris Schmelzer, Nathan Handley, Derrick Robb, Billy Grassham, Megan Tenorio, Natalie Nola, Rachel St. Myers, Carlos Espinoza, Anthony Plathan, Tyline Handley, Ricky Morado, Cady Stowers, Juaneita Ortiz, Sarah Hodge, Fabian Santiago, Charles Shultz, Tyler Havell, Josh Hedger, Alycia Gilbert, Ashley Nephart, Justin Anton, Jacob Jackson, Ashley Garber, Jake Taylor, Heather Clark, Leticia Jaramillo



## High School



# Sing Along in '08





**Back Row:** Mike Alvarez, Dusty Loring, Trease Watters, Kyle Aramson, Ryan Farley. **Third Row:** Sherry Kennedy, Amber Frain, Derek Watts, Kevin Albrecht, Mike Stavers, Logan Miller. **Second Row:** Jack Hummels, Kaitlin Peest, Kayla Stewart, Servana Jackson, Cassie Starkey, Arid Coos, Edun Rosario. **Front Row:** Marique Johnson, Jessica Wepman, Epithia Reyes, Jaime Maki, Dana Smith, Nicole Knight.



**Back Row:** Stephanie Sude, Sherry Kennedy, Ariana Cavaler, Cassie Starkey, Arid Coos, Alexis Servano, Lisette Soto. **Middle Row:** Kaitlin Polking, Cassie Astor, Amaris Pacheco, Lashae Ingram, Barbara Haker, Tereza Fitzpatrick, Laurena Hill. **Front Row:** Brittany Erkes, Hilary Gonzalez, Jaime Maki, Mariana Ruiz, Brittany Herald, Christina Wilson, Nicole Rodriguez.



**Back Row:** Chebea Austin, Jessica Gutzmer, Juveta Walker, Vanessa Ramirez, Lisa Wright, Lauren Hill, Jennifer Carter. **Middle Row:** Priscilla Espinoza, Stephanie Herald, Courtney Cox, Wendy Rodriguez, Heather Reecht, Courtney Baccard. **Front Row:** Tiffany Medina, Jessica Stratton, Christina Trisodad, Valerie Emerson, Beth Mulhaver, Amber Dwyer.



**Back Row:** Hilary Gonzalez, Heather Crisman, Kyle Aramson, Trease Watters, Kaitlin Albrecht, Robert Wells. **Third Row:** Anthony Farley, Servana Fashkos, Edna Walker, Heather Clark, Jessica White, Nicole Nelson, Sierra Williamson. **Second Row:** Crysta Nash, Candice Woodell, Servana Robledo, Selma Taylor, Suzana Jimenez, Ashley Cull, Kathy Perez. **Front Row:** Jordan McDaniel, Ashley Iljes, Melissa Cordero, Sam Rainey, Jessica Stevens, Elizabeth Prontice, Lynsday Slotton.



Front Row: Dakota Durbin,  
 Mrs. Vanhatten, Nathan Handley  
 Second Row: Jade Soria,  
 Mary-Hai Cervantes, Natalie  
 Llerana, Julie Cervantes, Jake  
 Taylor, Maria Vera, Third Row:  
 Kimberle Rivera, Amy Esparzo,  
 Elizabeth Mendoza, Nicole  
 Knight, Natalie Nolas, Cassie  
 Starkey, Isadora Mendoza  
 Fourth Row: Priscilla Espinoza,  
 Yursely Corrales, Maria Ries,  
 Courtney Cox, Stacy Pruitt,  
 Britney Ericks, Marinette  
 Cabrero, Brittany Vaughn,  
 Francise Sandra Lost Row: Keri  
 Ingram, Delnie Martinez, Lisa  
 Wright, Anthony Malesivik,  
 Michael Sickles, Carlos  
 Espinoza, Dustin Owen

# Spanish Club



Bon jour  
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 un embouteillage

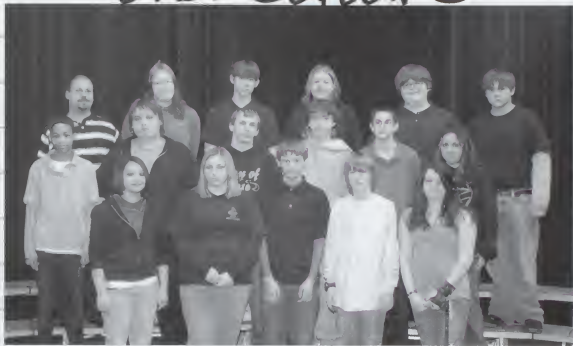


# French Club



First Row: Ashley Nephart,  
 Kati Anderson, Stefania  
 Nikolaski, Kris Schmelzer,  
 Jordan Greer Second Row:  
 Carrie Veenstra, Nikole Coine,  
 Amanda Managy, Jessica  
 Mora/Marni Johnson, Sarah  
 Ramirez, Wendy Preze,  
 Ashley Neiswinger Third Row:  
 Miss J, Candice Wojnarowski,  
 ???, Brenda Miller, Brianna  
 Pruitt, Dorie Starkey, Nicole  
 Kuzemko, Charles Shultz,  
 Kassandra Rivera, Melissa  
 Rivera Fourth Row: Tyline  
 Handley, Lucio Martinez,  
 Ashley Machek, Videt Studer,  
 Zakary Helderman, Brianna  
 Vezear, Emily Coughlan, Mar  
 Fazekas, Kassie Kingery,  
 John Trusty Fifth Row:  
 Justin Bantin, Nolan Dodge,  
 Suzie Miller, Heather Miller,  
 Brianna Johnson, Lazar  
 Novokatch, Kayla Stewart,  
 Jonnie Krill, Alexis Pavik,  
 Jacinda Fitzpatrick

# Japanese Film and Culture



Front Row: Evika Verdugo, Cassie Starkey, Bret Graves, Robert Slottan, Ashley Neiswinger Middle Row: Antonio Tamras, Robert Wells, Jack Hommons, Lucas Stinner, Charles Shultz, Isadora Mendoza Back Row: Mr. Pagon, Alyssa Gilbert, Tyler Teal, Jacob Oldham, Matt Hedger, Jon Trusty



Samurai Dreams

Watashi wa eigoga  
wakarinakka!



Ashley Neiswinger barely wins against the sushi after sampling the Japanese dish for the first time at the annual trip to House of Kabe

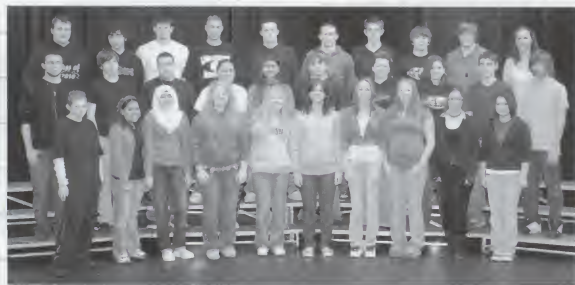
### Peer Tutors

Back Row: Derek Tenorio, Michael Siskles, Khalid Ibrahim, Stefania Nikolovski, Kristopher Schmelzer, Kapla Stewart, Nathan Handley, Tyler Howell, Derek Rabb  
Front Row: Ceady Kerr, Jessica Mora, Coesie Starkey, Jessica Wydman, Kurt Anderson, Matthew Medina, Brianna Pruitt, Sara Walker, Gary Sheumaker



### Booster Club

Melissa Fred, Niade Holtz, Coesie Austin, Anis Ehrhart, Dylan Jackson, Chelsea Austin, Lisa Wright, Kristen, Wendy Rodriguez, Heather Clark, Julian Ruiz, Heather Ruchti, Alexis Serrano, Marique Johnson, Ashley Mayphed, Niade McGregor, Anis Mosqueda, Amoris Pacheco, Stacy Pruitt



### Office Assistants

Back Row: Joshua Dandely, Purde Ozdemir, Ryan Kotlowski, Khalid Ibrahim, Jake Williams, Jan Saba, Michael Siskles, Nathan Handley, Tyler Howell, Lisa Wright  
Middle Row: Randy Musia, Mitch Potter, Matthew Medina, Dorie Starkey, Fajezia Pathan, Jan Trusty, Kapla Stewart, Francis Saulo, Derek Rabb, Gary Sheumaker  
Front Row: Valerie Emerson, Bethany Isidro, Nazariah Ozulkefi, Ashley Neffhart, Candice Wojnowski, Kurt Anderson, Dana Smith, Jessica Wydman, Zuleika Riveria, Evika Verdusco

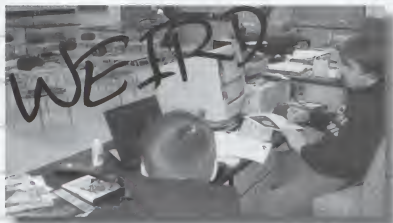
# HONOR SOCIETY



Back Row: Mrs. Elizondo, Lo'shea Ingram, Azaz Mehmood, Lazar Navokovich, Katelyn Sotter, Kevin Albrecht, Melissa Rivera  
Front Row: Maria Verduzco, Ryan Clark, Sara Booth, Cassandra Miller, Kelcey Lemley, Joseph Dickerson, Felicia Cady



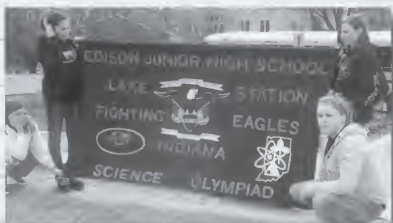
Top Row: Amanda Marvey, Nicole Kuzemko, James Alger, Jamie Krill, Jordan Givens, Amber Frain, Marinett Cobo  
Middle Row: Erika Verduzco, Mrs. French, Candice Wojnowski, Kati Anderson, Nolan Dodge, Marilyn Cervantes, Melissa Mora  
Front Row: Jessica Mora, Ashley Neuhart, Kristopher Schmelzer, Stefania Niekloski



Derek Watts and Nathan Handley study for the Science Olympiad.



Ms. Mikulich repairs a broken wheel on the Egg Scrambler car.



Sarah Hodge, Anne Earhart, Cassie Austin and Chelsea Austin proudly carry the Science Olympiad banner.







*Top Row: Ms. Mikulich, Jared Collins, Chelsea Austin, Robert Sappington, Nathan Handley, Justin Handley, and Mr. Richard Rokita*

*Middle Row: Nicholas Kellams, Frances Sandoz, Dakota Durbin, Cassie Austin, Sarah Hodge, Ane Earhart, and Joseph Dickerson*

*Bottom Row: Bethany Isidro, Nicole Knight, Dorie Starky, Marquette Cobero, Nyfede Coine, Felicia Koby, and Ashley Neiswinger*



**EDISON**  
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD  
**TEAM**

# High School Student Council



The high school student council hosted the 2008 District 1 Conference.



Kris Schneider participates in an icebreaker at the 2008 Rep. Assembly.



First Row: Stacy Pruitt, Derek Torrio, Nicole Kuzemko, Kris Schneider, Anthony Anderson, Michael Sisklen, Stefania Mikolajski, Cady Kerr, Mrs. Georgian. Second Row: Amanda Moray, Melissa Mora, Juana Ortiz, Megan Torrio, Courtney Cox, Amy Espinoza, Dora Starkey, Sarah Ramirez, Isadora Mendoza, Natalie Anla, Charles Shult. Third Row: Alex Sulecki, Ashley Nephert, Jessica Mora, Jessica Purkis, Nicole Knight, Rachel St. Myers, Keri Ingram, Noe Vera, Nikole Coine, Alexis Pank, Candice Wojniacki. Fourth Row: Susie Miller, Derrick Robb, Francis Sandoz, Kurt Anderson, Priscilla Pruitt, Lisa Wright, Nathan Hurdley, Stephanie Briggs, Kayla Stewart, Alyssa Gilbert.

# Junior High Student Council



Members of the jr. high student council help out during the District 1 Conference.

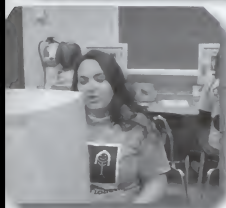


First Row: Justin Bradin, Kelsey Lemley, Ashley Anla, Hester Walters. Second Row: Ryan Clark, Christopher Wall, Sara Booth, Joanne Freeman, Joanne Freeman, Joseph Dickerson. Third Row: Mrs. Elizondo, Dakota Lombardi, Kyle Abramson, Kevin Abrecht, Cassandra Miller, Jared Collins.



# Yearbook

Rachel Stinnett, Melissa Freels,  
Matt Hedger, Mr. Pagan, Briana  
Vezou, Violet Studer, Solene  
Aguilar, Christina Trinidad, Annie  
Lacharraz, Melonie Lacharraz,  
Christina Reyes, Karla Stewart,  
Cynthia Reyes, Erika Verduzco, and  
Melissa Mora





# Kick Off Dance



2007

ask Jessica  
about what to  
wear for dance  
96 Dances





# 2007 HaLIOWEeN



*Justin Baulin won first place for the scariest costume.*



*Kelsey Lemley won first place for the cutest costume.*



*Jessica Smee and Lauren Vandiver won first place for funniest costume.*



*Jamie and Joanne Freeman won the prize for the most original!!!*



Everyone had a spooktacular time dancing and dressing up for this day.

Zachary Nixhart (below left) was even too scared to come out.



This dance was really fun! Even Mrs. Elzondo (to the right) joined the great halloween celebration.

2007



Below: Angela Aguilar and Filibert Lopez were crowned this year's prince and princess.



Above: Hecare is a Lady's man!!!



Above: Orlando Sales can dance, but Alex Mafet seems to be really getting down!!!



Above: Hecare and Sabrina after being crowned the eighth grade King and Queen.

# "SHAKE YOUR GROOVE THANG"



*Grand Finale*



## Environmental Science Club





During the 2007-2008 school year, the Junior High Gifted and Talented program met after school twice a week from October through April. This group of seventh and eighth graders was selected by their teachers from the previous year. The students worked together on challenging, narrative puzzles and problems. They also prepared for and competed in three academic contests. Two of these contests are two parts of a contest known as the Knowledge/Master Open. This included both a Fall and Spring competition.

The Knowledge/Master Open is a computer generated contest which tests the students' knowledge in 14 subject areas; as well as, their ability to work together to quickly arrive at a correct answer to each of the 200 questions. The faster the answer, the higher the score. Over 1,000 junior high schools nationally competed in these contests. The other contest which we participated in is known as Mathcounts. The students prepared for this from November until early February. The regional Mathcounts competition was held during February at Valparaiso University. In all of these contests, our Gifted and Talented team performed well, enjoyed themselves, and learned some new things at the same time.

The students also completed a geometry building project using Zome Tools, in which they created models of the five "Platonic Solids" and several "Archimedean Polyhedra". These models were on display in the library window during March and April.

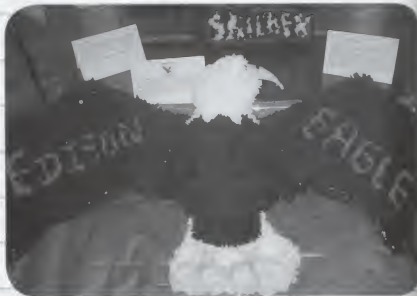
The Gifted and Talented program gives junior high students an opportunity to stretch their minds beyond the normal routine of the school day. Combining learning with fun and competition, the program has been a positive part of many students' junior high experience for the past several years.

Mr. Don Ayres  
Sponsor

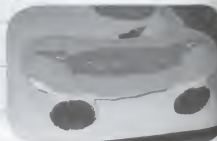
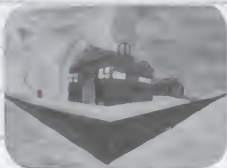
## Junior High Gifted and Talented



Chris Szostek, Joe Dickerson, Sara Booth, Ali Abramson, Cassie Miller, and Crysta Nash



Art Show





Durbin, Dakota



"The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web." - Pablo Picasso



# Aladdin





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# Dance Into Edison



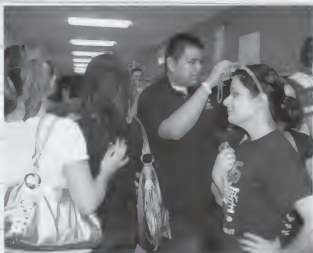


Back Row: Miguel Cuervres, Kaylin Best, Nicole Kuzenka, Alexis Mosqueda, Nae Vera  
 Front Row: Marylou Cervantes, Melissa Coballero, Jerrica Elizondo



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# SENIOR AWARDS

FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY — Nolan Dodge

BAUSCH & LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE AWARD — Melissa Mora

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD — Suzanne Miller

XEROX AWARD — Michael Sickles

DAR AWARD — Stefania Niklaski

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE — Karti Anderson, Joshua Hedger, Niade Kuzenka, Ashley Nephart, Stefania Niklaski, Kristopher Schmelzer, Candice Wojnarowski

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT — Marinett Cobero, Jessica Mora, Cynthia Reyes, Erika Verduzco

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD — Stefania Niklaski

SALUTATORIAN AWARD — Candice Wojnarowski

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AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS — Kris Schmelzer and Ashley Nephart

ACTIVITIES AWARD — Derek Tenorio and Stefania Niklaski

HOOSIER SCHOLAR AWARDS — Stefania Niklaski and Candice Wojnarowski

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS — Karti Anderson, Marinett Cobero, Niade Kuzenka, Dusty Loving, Jessica Mora, Stefania Niklaski, Briana Pruitt, Kristopher Schmelzer, Derek Tenorio, Candice Wojnarowski

Hobart Kianovis Scholarship — Karti Anderson

French Club Scholarships — Karti Anderson, Ashley Nephart, Kris Schmelzer, Stefania Niklaski, Candice Wojnarowski, Jessica Mora

Spanish Club Scholarship — Marinett Cobero

Lula Scholarship — Marinett Cobero

Flying J Scholarship — Stefania Niklaski

Legacy Foundation Scholarship — Stefania Niklaski



Club Meeting  
after school  
Rm. 218

21st CENTURY SCHOLARS — Marinett Cobero, Gustavo Chavez, Kanner Gaskin,

Joshua Hedger, Khaled Ibrahim, Juan Mendoza, Ashley Nephart, Stefania Niklaski, Zuko Prentaski

INDIANA STATE LAROP AWARD — Erika Verduzco

INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON — Jessica Mora

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY OLD GOLD HONORS — Kristopher Schmelzer

PURDUE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP — Candice Wojnarowski

TRI-STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP — Joshua Hedger



# Knock Out or Tap Out

"If I fail to prepare, I better prepare to fail," said Senior Josh Shockley about his career in the MMA. Josh has been training since he was 15 years old and his first pro-fight was when he was 16. "Noah Frizzell told me about it and what the MMA was all about. A few weeks later I found out I had a cousin who was having his first pro-fight. I told my dad I wanted to get involved and he took me seriously. My dad then took me to the gym and signed me up."

As a young, up and coming fighter, Josh has an already impressive record, with a total of 5 wins, 0 losses, and 1 draw. He has ended almost every fight in the first round by KO (knock out) or TKO (technical knockout).

Josh trains at Duneland Vale Tudo, which is one of the top ranked gyms. His practices consist of boxing, wrestling, Jiu Jitsu, and Maui Thai. The training tends to get brutal and very tiring.

Before a fight, Josh is a little nervous. He tries to stay calm and composed so that he can perform to his best ability. Josh usually imagines in his mind how he wants the fight to go. When going out to the ring and the song "Till I Collapse" by Eminem plays. "The song suits me perfect. No matter what happens I won't give up."

His most memorable fight was against Colton Norton because it was his first pro-fight in the UFC and how nervous he felt. The best fight was an early fight against Dan Darby. Darby was an established wrestler who Josh knocked out with a head kick in the first round in an incredible 13 seconds. Shockley's toughest fight was against an undefeated 24-year-old Maui Thai boxer from Thailand. They fought to a draw in which Josh suffered a slight concussion afterwards.

When asked where does he see himself in the future, Josh claimed, "I want to be the top 155 pound champion of the world. I hope to be a full time professional UFC fighter."



# HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

The Annual Award Day Program was held at Edison Junior-Senior High School on Thursday, May 22, 2008, for the 9th - 12th graders with the following students being recognized:

**HONOR ROLL AWARDS** - Daniel Bogaevski, Courtney Cox, Ann Ehrhart, Brittney Eriks, Telicia Fitzpatrick, Suzanna Jimenez, Simon Prentoski, Stacy Pruitt, Jake Taylor, Craig Williams, Sage Yates, Vanessa Damran, Jessica Darkis, Joshua Dannelly, Kirsten Falkowski, Mary Fazekas, William Grosham, Nicole Holik, Matthew Hedger, Annie Lacharoz, Melanie Lacharoz, Bryon Phelps, Christina Reyes, Gary Sheumaker, Charles Shultz, Angelina Tinoco, Maria Vera, Jessica White, Juliana Cervantes, Shelby Evans, Barbara Hacker, Amanda Manaf, Fajeza Pathan, Joe Riffe, Jessica Stephens, Aleksandar Suleski, Imam Wafudti, Zachary Woodard, Veronica Agudal, Marinett Cobero, Nazirah Dzulkefli, Amy Ehrhart, Ashley Garber, Aird Goss, Matthew Medina, Jaimi Mckd, Jessica Moro, Christopher Satterfield, Derek Tenorio, Erika Verdulazo

**PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL** - Natalie Abalo, Heather Clark, Amy Esparza, Christina Guzman, Tyline Handley, Amanda Harrold, Sarah Hodge, Keri Ingram, Juana Ortiz, Tristan Swider, Megan Tenorio, Nae Vera, Nikide Coine, Chelsea Dodge, Dakota Durkin, Nathan Handley, Tyler Howell, Selena Jimenez, Niade Knight, Anthony Maleseria, Derrick Rabb, Frances Sauls, Johnathon Trusty, Brittany Vaughn, Lindsey Watson, James Alger, Mary Lai Cervantes, Andrea Coray, Ndon Dodge, Amber Fraim, Alyssa Gilbert, Jordan Greer, Kasandra Kingery, Jamie Krill, Natalie Llerenas, Suzanne Miller, Melissa Mora, Beth Muhlbaier, Nataliya Pryadkina, Michael Sickles, Niade Soto, Kayla Stewart, Karti Anderson, Joshua Hedger, Bethany Isidro, Niade Kuzenka, Dusty Loving, Ashley Naphart, Stefania Niklaski, Burak Ozdemir, Cynthia Reyes, Kristopher Schmelter, Cassie Starkay, Candice Wojnarowski

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS** - Brian Lewis, Aleksandar Suleski, Vanessa Damran, Frances Sauls

**MAIN OFFICE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATES** - Zuko Prentoski, London Reed, Dana Smith, Dallas Ramirez, Jan Sobo, Jake Williams, Selena Jimenez, Johnathon Trusty, Nataliya Pryadkina, Richard MacKenzie, Randy Musia, Ryan Kotlowski, Josh Dannelly, Valerie Emerson

**GUIDANCE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATES** - Matthew Davis, Zuleika Dones-Rivera, Nazirah Dzulkefli, Bethany Isidra, Niade Kuzenka, Burak Ozdemir, Fajeza Pathan, Mitch Potter, Kayla Stewart, Lisa Wright

**ATHLETIC OFFICE CERTIFICATES** - Karti Anderson and Candice Wojnarowski

**TEACHER ASSISTANTS** - Derek Tenorio, Stefania Niklaski, Stephanie Pepoff

**SPANISH CLUB AWARDS** - Cassie Starkay, Natalie Llerenas, MaryLai Cervantes, Jessica Martir, Dakota Durkin, Nathan Handley

OUTSTANDING DECA — Kris Schmeltzer

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL VOLUNTEERS — Carrie Veenstra, Alexius Serrano, Alex Sanchez, Wendy Rodriguez, Ashley Machek, Leticia Jaramillo, Priscilla Espinoza, Annie Ehrhart, Amy Ehrhart, Heather Ruchti

DANCE TEAM — Melissa Caballero, Mary Lai Cervantes, Jervica Elizondo, Miguel Gutierrez, Niade Kuzenka, Anais Masqueda, Noe Vera

PEER HELPER AWARDS — Kaiti Anderson, Nathan Handley, Tyler Hawell, Ceady Kerr, Samantha Jackson, Niade Kuzenka, Annie Lacharoz, Matthew Medina, Jessica Moro, Stefania Niklaski, Briana Pruett, Derrick Robb, Michael Sickles, Gary Shewmaker, Frances, Sandra, Sangria

SPENCER, Cassie Starkley, Kayla Stewart, Derek Tenorio, Erika Verduzco, Jessica Wydman

ART — Francisco Gutierrez, Burak Ozdemir, Erika Verduzco, Victor Zepeda, Chris Piet, Dakota Durkin, Serrina Jackson

ART SHOW — Scholarship winners — Erika Verduzco, Briana Pruett

ART SHOW WINNERS — Niade Holik, Randy Musia, Maria Verduzco, Erika Verduzco (2 awards), Miguel Gutierrez, Burak Ozdemir, Victor Zepeda

MATH — Excellence in Geometry — Jessica Stephens, Billy Graeham, Keri Ingram, Selena Jimenez, Maria Vera, Sarah Hodge, Christina Rojas, Dakota Durkin, Christina Guzman Excellence in AP Calculus — Stefania Niklaski and Josh Hedger

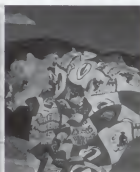
ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL — Nykde Coine, Andrea Corey, Dakota Durkin, Nathan Handley, Anthony Malesena, Tiffany McClelland, Arin McColey, Frances Sandra, Nolan Dodge, Niade Knight, Ashley Neiswinger, Ashley Naphart, Dorie Starkley

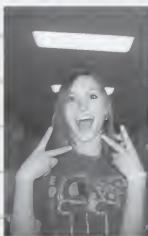
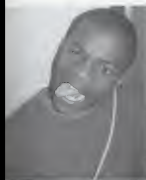
SPELLBOWL — Marinett Cobero, Nykde Coine, Andrea Corey, Nolan Dodge, Alyssa Gilbert, Nathan Handley, Brianna Johnson, Niade Knight, Ashley Neiswinger, Dorie Starkley

SCIENCE — Chemistry — Dakota Durkin, Nathan Handley, Tyler Hawell, Johnathan Trusty, Anthony Malesena, Niade Soto, Matthew Hedger, Nykde Coine, Niade Holik, Chelsea Dodge, Bryan Phelps, Frances Sandra, Maria Vera, James Alger

Advanced Environmental Science — Ricardo Avardo, Dusty Loving SCIENCE OLYMPIAD — Cassie Austin, Chelsea Austin, Annie Ehrhart, Sarah Hodge, Nick Kelloms, Nykde Coine, Dakota Durkin, Nathan Handley, Niade Knight, Bryan Phelps, Frances Sandra, Derek Watts, Bethany Isidro, Nataliya Pryadkina, Robert Sappington, Dorie Starkley, Marinett Cobero

MENTOR AWARDS — Ricky Avarado, Julianna Cervantes, MaryLai Cervantes, Andrea Corey, Shelley Jones, Jordan Greer, Josh Hennings, Ceady Kerr, Niade Kuzenka, Natalie Herrera, Dusty Loving, Suzie Miller, Jasmi Nikd, Melissa Moro, Jessica Moro, Stefania Niklaski, Jesse Pacheco, Kris Schmeltzer, Michael Sickles, Videt Sluder, Kayla Stewart, Alexander Suleski, Briana Vezau, Jessica Wydman







# JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS

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MIDWEST TALENT SEARCH — Juweta Walker

OUTSTANDING 7TH GRADE MATH — Kathy Perez and Nikda Trajaeski No missing assignments  
— Jessica Campbell, Casey Lea, Kathy Perez, Manserrath Contreras, Nikda Trajaeski, Rachel Luna Most Effort — Manserrath Contreras and Nikda Trajaeski

8TH GRADE MATH 100% homework — Sara Booth, Kelsey Lemley Most Improved Shelley Jones and Jessica Gutzmer

7TH GRADE SCIENCE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE — Tiffany King, Kathy Perez, Rachel Luna, Chris Szostek and Arlet Flores

8TH GRADE SCIENCE — Outstanding — Sara Booth, Cassie Miller, Lazar Navokovich, Katie Satter, Kelsey Lemley, Sharon Staaf, Amanda Bernard, Melissa Rivera, Maria Verduzco, Felicia Koby Top students — Sara Booth and Lazar Navokovich

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD — Jessica Kellums, Jared Collins, Joe Dickerson, Justin Handley, Felicia Koby

PERFECT ATTENDANCE — Tanja Blair, Rachel Luna, Kathy Perez, Kaylon Sheumaker

HONOR ROLL — Ashley Ables, Dallas Cole, Manserrath Contreras, Arlet Flores, Podroig Hargett, Douglas Johnson, Jessica Kellums, Tiffany King, Matthew Lavidette, Casey Lea, Benjamin Mata, Jordan McDelland, Ricardo Mendez, Destiny Pasewski, Lyndsay Stattan, Candice Waddell, Kevin Albrecht, Courtney Baccard, Justin Bautin, Ryan Clark, Joseph Dickerson, Justin Handley, Nicholas Lavidette, Luis Martinez, Azaz Mehmood, Yesselin Quirago, Melissa Rivera, Yessenia Santos, Morgan Tucker, Heasie Walters

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL — Tanja Blair, Leanne Harvold, Rachel Luna, Kathy Perez, Christopher Szostek, Nikda Trajaeski, Amanda Bernard, Sara Booth, Felicia Koby, Kelsey Lemley, Cassandra Miller, Lazar Navokovich, Katelyn Satter, Sharon Staaf, Maria Verduzco

GOLD CLUB MEMBERS — Ashley Ables, Tanja Blair, Manserrath Contreras, Arlet Flores, Leanne Harvold, Jessica Kellums, Rachel Luna, Jordan McDelland, Dylan Merrill, Destiny Pasewski, Kathy Perez, Candice Waddell, Sara Booth, Ryan Clark, Joseph Dickerson, Felicia Koby, Lazar Navokovich

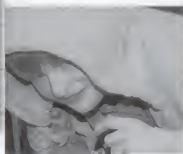
STUDENT COUNCIL — Ashley Ables, Kyle Abramson, Kevin Albrecht, Sara Booth, Courtney Bickett, Justin Bautin, Ryan Clark, Jared Collins, Joe Dickerson, James Evans, Jamie Freeman, Joemine Freeman, Dakota Lambert, Alex Mayet, Kelsey Lemley, Cassie Miller, Chris Wall, Heasie Walters

HONOR SOCIETY — Kevin Albrecht, Sara Booth, Ryan Clark, Joe Dickerson, Felicia Koby, Kelsey Lemley, Azaz Mehmood, Cassandra Miller, Lazar Navokovich, Katelyn Satter, Maria Verduzco

OUTSTANDING 8th GRADE STUDENTS — Ryan Clark and Cassandra Miller

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD — Lazar Navokovich and Sara Booth

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT — Courtney Baccard, Justin Bautin, Yessenia Santos, Maria Verduzco, Kevin Albrecht, Ryan Clark, Joseph Dickerson, Justin Handley, Yesselin Quirago, Melissa Rivera, Morgan Tucker



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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

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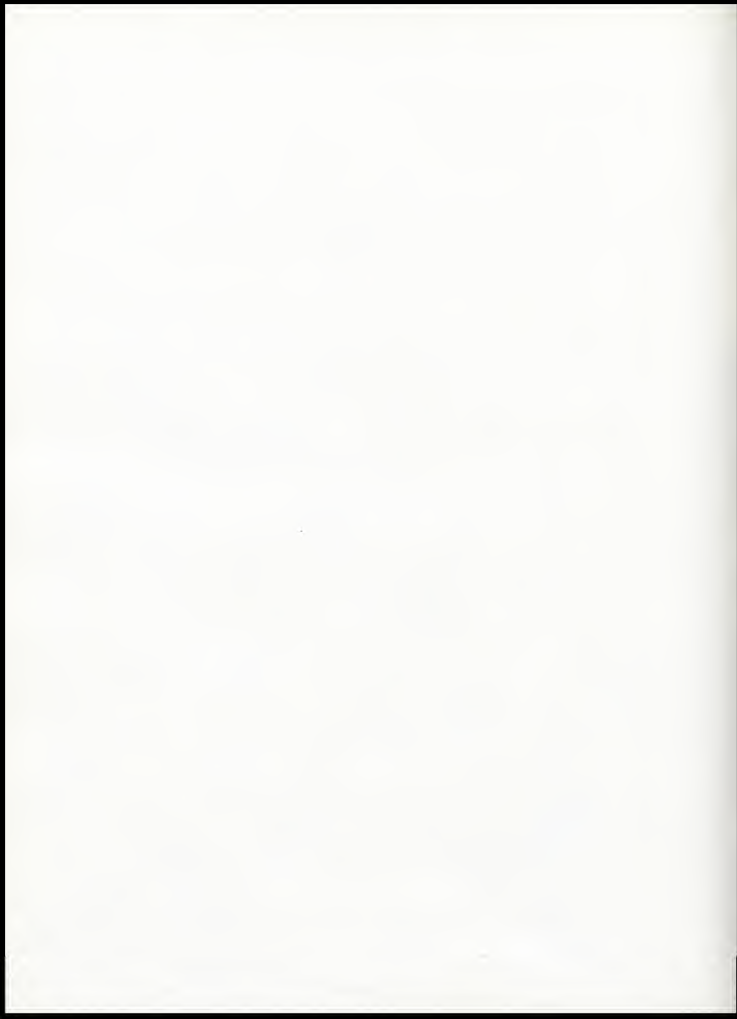
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2007-2008

year in review



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### A. Economic aches

Gasoline and food prices went up and home prices went down as the economy weakened. At yearend 2007, the national average price for one gallon of gas was \$2.97, while the average price for a gallon of milk was \$3.80. Home prices experienced the largest drop in 16 years. In addition, jumps in adjustable rate mortgages left many homeowners behind or unable to pay their monthly house payments.

### B. Drying up

A severe drought in the southeast U.S. led to water use restrictions and renewed tensions over water supplies in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. The drought was the worst in northern Georgia in 100 years.

### C. Superbug hits schools

Schools across the country began dealing with a drug-resistant staph superbug called methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA. Some schools closed for cleaning when a student was found to have the bacteria. MRSA caused several student deaths.

### D. Stay tuned

Frontrunners kept changing before the summer conventions to pick 2008 presidential candidates. But as of Super Tuesday, Feb. 5, U.S. Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton were in a dead heat in their quest for the Democratic Party's nomination, while for the Republicans, U.S. Senator John McCain, almost written off a few months ago, had a large lead over former Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas.

### E. Gore wins Nobel

Former Vice President Al Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on informing the public about global warming. He shared the award with the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Gore said he planned to donate his half of the \$1.6 million prize to an organization that works to cut carbon emissions.

### F. Misfit toys

More than 12 million toys made in China were recalled for containing high levels of lead. Mattel, the nation's number one toy maker, also recalled 172,000 Fisher-Price toys that could pose choking hazards.



A container ship hit the Bay Bridge in San Francisco, causing the worst oil spill in the bay in 20 years.



Steve Fosse, holder of many aviation records, disappeared during a flight over Nevada.



Cancer deaths were declining because more people were getting screened and new treatments were saving lives, scientists said.



Myanmar quelled the uprising by Buddhist monks for democracy, killing and detaining thousands of people.



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### G. War goes on

In the war on terror, more than 165,000 U.S. troops were stationed in Iraq and approximately 25,000 in Afghanistan. The number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq began to decrease monthly, likely caused by changes in strategy in the fight against the insurgents.

### H. California wildfires

More than 23 wildfires blazed across almost 500,000 acres of southern California in October, destroying 2,300 homes. Twelve people died. Arson was the cause of some of the fires. Santa Ana winds also fueled fires again in late November.

### I. Democracy threatened

Democracy in Pakistan, a nuclear-armed nation, was on shaky ground already when former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was killed during a political rally. Elections originally scheduled for January were delayed. Amid the tensions between political factions in the country, additional concerns stemmed from possible threats from al Qaeda and Taliban extremists in the country.







The population of New Orleans was about 300,000, or 65% of its size prior to 2005's Hurricane Katrina.



Liz Claiborne, who started her company in 1976 to bring stylish, affordable clothing to working women, died of cancer.

## HELP ON A GLOBAL SCALE

**Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, worked to end world hunger and extreme poverty through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.**

-  **\$306 million** – Amount the foundation pledged in January to help small farmers in Africa and developing countries grow and sell their crops.
-  **\$14.5 million** – Amount given since 1994 for the foundation's key areas: global health issues, global development such as agriculture and research, and U.S. education.
-  **\$3.2 billion** – Projected amount the foundation expected to give away in 2009.
-  **820 million** – Number of people who suffer from chronic hunger in the developing world.

[gatesfoundation.org](http://gatesfoundation.org)



Rioting and deaths occurred during disputes over the outcome of Kenya's presidential election.



A Siberian tiger at the San Francisco Zoo killed a teen and mauled two others on Christmas Day.



### J. Rush-hour bridge collapse

Bridges across the country were inspected after an Interstate 35 bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapsed Aug. 1. Thirteen people were killed, and eventually 88 vehicles were located in the bridge wreckage or the river. Construction work was being done on the bridge when it collapsed during rush hour.

### K. Castro steps down

Fidel Castro, 81, ended his 49 years as president of Cuba by resigning the post due to his health. Castro and his brother, Raul Castro, overthrew the Cuban government in 1959, installing communism in the tiny island nation 90 miles from Florida. Reaction regarding Cuba's future was mixed from Cuban-Americans in Florida, many of whom had fled the communist regime.

### L. Protests in Jena

Tensions ran high in Jena, La., where six black teens were charged with beating a white classmate. Supporters of the Jena 6 said the beating followed an earlier incident in which white high school students hung nooses on campus. The supporters were angered because the white students were punished with school suspension, while criminal charges were filed against the Jena 6.

### M. What is Iran up to?

U.S. intelligence concluded in a report that Iran actually stopped work in 2003 on a nuclear weapons program the U.S. suspected it had still ongoing. That was the year the U.S. had invaded neighboring Iraq. However, Iran announced it was close to starting up its Bushehr nuclear facility, which will provide electricity to the country. Russia was building the plant for Iran and was supplying the nuclear fuel.

### N. No safe place

In December, a 19-year-old gunman killed six employees and two customers in a department store in Omaha's Westroads Mall before killing himself. A few days later, a gunman killed two staff people at a missionary center in Avada, Colo., then killed two teens at a Colorado Springs church before being shot by a church volunteer security guard.

### O. Safe and effective?

Drug companies pulled cough and cold medicines for children under age two out of stores, while pediatricians urged the government to issue a statement saying the medicine should not be used in children under age six. Many of the cough and cold medicines have never been tested in children.



Working the overnight shift was listed as a probable cause of cancer. About 20% of workers in developed countries work nights.



The Airbus A380, the world's largest airliner, made its first flight from Singapore to Sydney with 485 passengers and crew.



A dormitory parent at Oprah Winfrey's school for girls in South Africa was charged with abusing students.



Cyclone Sidr killed more than 3,200 people and injured nearly 40,000 in Bangladesh, the government reported.





## P. Weathering the weather

In December, back-to-back rainstorms with hurricane-force winds pounded Oregon and Washington, where helicopters rescued people stranded in floodwaters. An ice storm hit the Midwest, leaving many people without electricity for days, including 600,000 people in Oklahoma. In February, more than 50 people were killed in tornadoes that struck Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and Kentucky.

## Q. Social technology solves crimes

Oakland, Calif., police used clues from a MySpace page to charge a man in the shooting death of a high school student, while police in Washington, D.C., used a Facebook profile, found by the victim, to charge a man in a hate-crime attack near the Georgetown University campus.

## R. Lively and quick

Hurricane Humberto took southeast Texas by surprise, going from a tropical depression to a hurricane in 18 hours. A specialist at the National Hurricane Center said no tropical cyclone has ever grown stronger at a faster rate while being so close to land. Still, it does not take long for a hurricane to cause damage, which was estimated at less than \$500 million.

## S. No help needed

Six French aid workers were sentenced to eight years of hard labor for trying to take more than 100 children out of Chad for adoption. The workers, who were with the charity Zoe's Ark, said the children were Darfur orphans living in Chad. But officials with the Red Cross and UNICEF said most of the children were from Chad and were living with their families when they were taken.

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## SMOKE-FREE AREAS INCREASE

More states, cities and non-public areas ban smoking.

22 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have laws prohibiting smoking in workplaces and public places, up from two states five years ago.

Almost 60 college campuses have smoke-free policies

The number of teen smokers continued to decline. In 2007, only 3% of 8th graders, 7% of 10th graders and 12% of 12th graders smoked daily.

American Lung Association, American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation and Monitoring the Future study/University of Michigan



Researchers found that biting has caused the spread of facial cancer tumors that have killed 90% of the Tasmanian Devils on Tasmania.



The \$5 bill got a color makeover, following the updates of the \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills to thwart counterfeiters.



O.J. Simpson was charged in a Las Vegas robbery, allegedly trying to regain some of his sports memorabilia at gunpoint.



Six percent of Britons claim to have done dental work on themselves, such as pulling teeth, as subsidized care was unavailable.



### A. Almost perfect

The New England Patriots' electrifying matchup against the NFL's hottest season's first AFC playoffs 18-7 win showed us ready to defend like the old Patriots. Hernandez's New York Giants ideas were perfect. Hernandez's perfect win with a 7-1 record in Super Bowl XLIX. The game's last game in the New England Patriots' season. Hernandez's perfect win with a 7-1 record in Super Bowl XLIX.

### B. Daddy goes to work

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equipped with the most powerful skateboarder's way with a skateboard. Tony Hawk's perfect win with a 7-1 record in Super Bowl XLIX.

### D. Big breakthrough

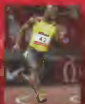
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Florida quarterback Tim Tebow won the Heisman Trophy.



Sprinter Asafa Powell set a new 100-meter record of 9.74 seconds.



The Houston Dynamo won its second straight MLS Cup.



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## F. A tainted king?

San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds hit his 626th home run, tying the all-time record of Hank Aaron (624), but Bonds' mark was not widely welcomed. He is suspected to be the source of suspicion about steroid use during his career, and he was suspended for perjury related to the federal investigation.

## G. Rough first year

For the second year, Landon Donovan, a soccer player, was named the most talented player in the world. He was named the best player in the world for the first time in his career. He was named the best player in the world for the first time in his career.

## H. A blown call

Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson was criticized for his decision to bench Kobe Bryant during the game. Jackson's decision was criticized for his decision to bench Kobe Bryant during the game.

## IN THE GAME

About 25 million American youth play competitive school sports and 20 million youth ages 6 through 16 play organized sports in a community program.

The most played team sports are:

- Basketball, 4+ million
- Baseball, 2.5+ million
- Outdoor soccer, 2+ million
- Touch football, 2 million
- Court volleyball, almost 2 million

NYU Child Study Center, [aboutourkids.org](http://aboutourkids.org)



American Joey Chestnut won the World Hot Dog Eating Contest, as competitive eating gained popularity.



Former San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh, who won three Super Bowls, died at 75.



The U.S. women's soccer team struggled at the World Cup, losing 4-0 to Brazil after coach Greg Ryan benched starting goalie Hope Solo.



### I. Twice as nice

Three years after erasing the 86-year "Curse of the Bambino" by winning one of the longest title droughts in sports history, the Boston Red Sox did it again by sweeping the Colorado Rockies to win its second World Series in four years. Boston rang up the best record in baseball during the regular season, and even beat the Rockies who had won 21 of its previous 22 games.

### J. Sad admission

After several years of denials, track star Marion Jones, a five-time Olympic medalist, admitted to the public that she took steroids prior to the 2000 Summer Olympics. Afterward, the IOC stripped Jones of her medals and she announced her retirement.

### K. A champ again

Russian tennis sensation Maria Sharapova, a only 20-year-old, won her first Grand Slam title by breezing through the Australian Open without losing a set. Sharapova added the crown to the previous U.S. Open and Wimbledon titles she already won.



Bobby Knight stepped down at Texas Tech with 902 wins, the most of any coach in college basketball history.



### L. Record season

In his 17th season, Great Day quarterback Brett Favre set the NFL career record for passing yards, passing Terrell Davis. The 38-year-old, three-time MVP, set a new record by leading the Packers to a 16-1 season and the NFL Championship game. However, they lost to the Super Bowl to the New York Giants in overtime.

### M. Dog days

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was criticized by some commentators for appearing a mess during his hitting and yard in the game. The NFL's leading passer, Vick, who is 6-foot-6, was the highest paid player in football. This he finished with Vick was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

### N. A new hope

Queen City, Johnson, a 39-year-old driver, won his second Nextel Cup. Johnson, a 4-foot-8-inch tall, became the first African American to win a NASCAR race, and he finished with the 19th place.



Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal continued their rivalry as the two best tennis players, capturing all four majors between them.



Nascar driver Jimmie Johnson won his second straight Nextel Cup.





Johnson set the record for the most touchdowns in a game, with four, in the Packers' 31-17 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

## O. Impossible to predict

The college football season was filled with several twists and turns, starting with the Appalachian State upset of Michigan in the opening week. Next, Indiana football schools such as Kansas, Kentucky, and Missouri appeared down in the rankings, but the Big Ten returned the national championship by defeating Texas State 38-24 in the Big Ten game.

## P. Return to glory

The Boston Celtics set out to reclaim their glory by beating the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Finals. Allen and Pierce returned to the Celtics, and Pierce scored a career-high 30 points in the final game, as the team returned to a 30-4 record, winning the best team franchise title.

## A NATIONAL EVENT

This year's Super Bowl was the second most viewed television program ever, behind the *MASH* finale. The top five most-viewed Super Bowls are:

1. New York Giants vs. New England Patriots, 2008 (XLII), 97.5 million viewers
2. Dallas Cowboys vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1996 (XXX), 94.08 million viewers
3. Indianapolis Colts vs. Chicago Bears, 2007 (XLII), 93.18 million viewers
4. Chicago Bears vs. New England Patriots, 1986 (XX), 92.57 million viewers
5. Dallas Cowboys vs. Buffalo Bills, 1993 (XXVII), 90.99 million viewers

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The Anaheim Ducks won the 2007 Stanley Cup over the Ottawa Senators.



Buffalo tight end Kevin Everett fractured his spine during an early season game, then miraculously recovered and walked again.



Alex Rodriguez became the youngest player to reach 500 home runs, doing so by age 32.





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### A. Meet you online

Social networking websites continued to gain popularity and add millions of subscribers who ventured online to interact. Two of the largest, MySpace and Facebook, even developed a budding business rivalry. Facebook gained the backing of Microsoft, who bought a stake in the website for \$240 million.

### B. Disappearing bees

Beekeepers and scientists were puzzled by and continued to study the problem of dwindling honeybees. Known as Colony Collapse Disorder, the phenomenon resulted in worker bees leaving hives for unknown reasons, causing the hives to die out.

### C. An expert hack

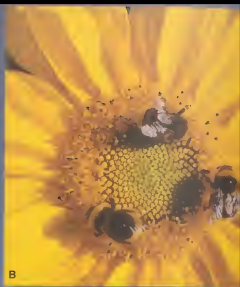
Apple released its latest innovation, the iPhone, and New Jersey teenager George Hotz took full advantage. Hotz hacked the software on his iPhone, allowing the phone to be used by other wireless service providers. He then traded the secrets for a new car.

### D. The green movement

With more people seeming to adopt the belief that issues such as global warming were a growing problem for the world, environmental causes suddenly became part of popular culture.



After several years of efforts, the bald eagle was officially removed from the Endangered Species List.



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TV shows, movies and ads were filled with green messages, and practices such as recycling continued to become more common both at home and work.

### E. New dino

Researchers in China unearthed the remains of a dink, bird-like dinosaur, which they believed to be a new species. Feathered, but unable to fly, the 26-foot long *Archaeopteryx lithographica* lived some 85 million years ago. The discovery was a surprise because previous theories pointed to bird-like dinosaurs typically being much smaller.

### F. The next generation

Digital Video Recorders, or DVRs, continued to gain popularity and slowly phase out VCRs as the home entertainment technology of choice. Able to record video digitally and store it in a computer hard drive, DVRs revolutionized the way many users watched TV with functions like pausing live TV, and eliminating the need for numerous video tapes.

### G. Stem cell breakthrough?

Teams of scientists in the U.S. and Japan claimed they were able to reprogram skin cells to act the same as embryonic stem cells, a possible advance that could revolutionize stem cell research because



Microsoft's Xbox 360 was the best-selling video gaming device.



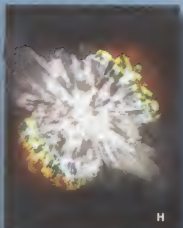
The FDA approved the first human vaccine against the bird flu.



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Electricity is a natural force.

## H. One bright star

Astronomers announced that they were able to observe the largest and brightest exploding star, or supernova, ever witnessed. Roughly 100 to 300 times the size of the sun, the star was located 240 million light years away and was 100 times more energetic than the typical supernova.

## I. Pet scare

Widespread reports of kidney failure and death among pets led to a massive scare and pet food recall by several companies, after it was determined that the food was contaminated by bad vegetable proteins imported from China and used as ingredients.

## J. Race to the moon

The X Prize Foundation started another new \$20 million private spaceflight contest, with the goal of landing a rover on the moon. Within a month of the contest being announced, five groups had said they would enter the contest, which was scheduled to take five years.

## CYBERBULLYING INCREASES

Cyberbullying is the act of hurting someone using technology.



43% of teens reported they had been victims.



92% of the victims said they knew or figured out who the bully was.



More girls than boys were victims.



71% of teens believe the best prevention is for the victim to block the bully from communicating with them.

National Crime Prevention Council survey



The International Space Station received its first new room since 2001.



A popular new trend saw parents purchasing web domain names for their small children.



Scientists discovered some 700 new species of water creatures in Antarctica.



#### A. Feel-good tale does well

*Juno*, an indie comedy about a high school girl and her parents dealing with her unplanned pregnancy, became one of the surprise hits of the year. The movie earned raves from critics for its heartwarming story and sharp dialogue, and even earned Oscar nominations for Best Picture and Best Actress for lead character Ellen Page.

#### B. Hollywood's main man

Johnny Depp proved he was still one of Hollywood's most bankable leading men. The final movie in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy starring Depp earned more than \$300 million at the box office, and later in the year Depp won raves for his lead role in *Sweeney Todd*.

#### C. Shots never seen

*Planet Earth*, the award-winning documentary TV series produced by the Discovery Channel and the BBC, aired in America for the

first time. The programs, created to show the beauty and diversity of the planet, took more than five years to make and reportedly captured natural images on film that had never before been seen.

#### D. Tough ticket

Miley Cyrus, aka Hannah Montana, was the headline act on one of the most popular concert tours of the year. Cyrus, whose *Hannah Montana* show was one of the highest rated on cable, toured with pop band The Jonas Brothers and tickets for the shows routinely sold out in minutes in each city, leading to a feeding frenzy among the pre-teen crowd.

#### E. TV stalls out

The TV Writers Guild of America went on a three-month strike over a dispute with the TV studios regarding the sharing of profits from "new media" revenue sources, including the internet. With no new scripts coming in, many shows were forced off the air and into reruns, making viewers realize there were other entertainment options out there.



*Grey's Anatomy* was still one of the most watched shows on TV.



Will Smith won Choice Movie Actor at the Teen Choice Awards.



According to reviews, *Halo 3* was one of the most popular new video games.



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#### F. On to the big screen

After 19 successful seasons on TV, popular animated sitcom *The Simpsons* stepped up in the world by making its first movie. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and company translated well, with *The Simpsons Movie* raking in more than \$180 million at the box office to become one of the comedy hits of the year.

#### G. Time to dance

Disney continued building on its wildly successful *High School Musical* franchise. The sequel to the first movie, *High School Musical 2*, drew in 17.2 million viewers on its opening night airing on the Disney Channel, the most ever for a cable TV program.

#### H. A shocking end

Fans were stunned when actor Heath Ledger was found dead in his New York City apartment. The star of hit movies such as *A Knight's Tale* and *The Patriot*, and Oscar-nominated for his role in *Brokeback Mountain*, Ledger was only 28 years old at the time of his death. An accidental overdose of prescription medication was found to be the cause.

### TOP FIVE MOVIES IN 2007

These movies made the most money in this order:

1. *Spider-Man 3*
2. *Shrek the Third*
3. *Transformers*
4. *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*
5. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

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Jordin Sparks won season six of *American Idol*, becoming the youngest winner at age 17.



This year's notable celebrity deaths included daredevil Evel Knievel, opera singer Luciano Pavarotti and author Norman Mailer.



Ratings indicated that popular new TV shows included *Samantha Who?* and *Chuck*.



### I. A fitting conclusion

The saga of boy wizard Harry Potter came to an end with the final book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, being released by author J.K. Rowling to much fanfare and more than 11 million copies sold in the first 24 hours. As the books wrapped up, the movies continued. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, the fifth film, became a huge hit at the box office.

### J. The end?

Critically acclaimed HBO mobster series *The Sopranos* aired its long-awaited final episode. The last scene of the show became a famous pop-culture moment when things ended abruptly mid-scene while Tony and the family were out to dinner. Millions of viewers were left wondering what happened.

### K. Funny man of the year

Comedian Seth Rogen probably couldn't have had a much better year, scoring two huge hits and becoming a star in the



process. Rogen had starring roles, helped write and helped produce *Superbad* and *Knocked Up*, two of the highest grossing comedies of the year.

### L. Star in the making

Young actor Shia LaBeouf showed he might have a chance to be one of the next big stars after a year in which he starred in one of the year's blockbuster action hits, *Transformers*, and then landed the starring role in the next long-awaited sequel being made in the Indiana Jones series of movies.

### M. An Emmy surprise

*30 Rock* was the surprise winner of Outstanding Comedy Series at the annual Emmy Awards. The critically adored sitcom about a sitcom was a first-time winner, as opposed to HBO's *The Sopranos*, which won Outstanding Drama Series in its final season. A new nominating process for this year's Emmys led to 33 first-time nominees and what was widely considered to be a fresh perspective on the show.



Carrie Underwood won Female Vocalist of the Year and Single of the Year at the CMA Awards.



Will Ferrell continued his string of hit movies with *Blades of Glory* and *Semi-Pro*.



Computer animation and live action mixture movie *300* was a sleeper hit.





Photo credit: Wikimedia

#### N. Rise to fame

British singer Amy Winehouse became a celebrity in America when her second album, "Back to Black," was one of the best selling records of the year and won her five Grammy awards. Unfortunately, her wild personal life and legal troubles also made her fodder for tabloid headlines.




#### O. Quite a show

The 2007 MTV Music Video Awards were held in Las Vegas for the first time, and turned into a wild night. There were several stages with multiple performances going at once. Justin Timberlake ended up being the night's big winner, taking home four awards, including Male Artist of the Year.

#### P. Rough comeback

It was a tough year for pop queen Britney Spears. She entered rehab for substance abuse, and then lost a custody battle for her children with ex-husband Kevin Federline. Her first new album in two years, "Blackout," had mixed success. She then ended the year with a listless live performance at the MTV Awards that was widely panned by fans and critics.

### LET IM DO THE TALKING

-  Nearly half of all teens use instant messaging. Of those, 43% use instant messaging to say things they would not say in person.
-  22% Use it to ask people out or accept a date.
-  13% Use it to break up.

Associated Press/AOL poll



Daughtry won three times at the American Music Awards, including for Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



Rihanna set a record for digital downloads in one week for her single "Umbrella."



Kanye West had more Grammy nominations than any other musical artist with eight.



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### A. Pants on fire

While 71% of teens said they are prepared to make ethical decisions when they enter the work force, 38% of those teens say sometimes it is OK to cheat, lie or act violently to succeed, according to a Junior Achievement/Deloitte Teen Ethics Survey. Of the teens who think plagiarism is acceptable on some level, 37% said a desire to succeed justifies their actions.

### B. Lookin' good

Tent dresses appeared on the scene, first as light, summery items, then long-sleeved for the winter, to be paired with ankle boots and bright tights. For the guys who liked stylin' head gear, fedoras and wool caps were available.

### C. Guess who's in the kitchen

Toy kitchens were becoming more prevalent for boys. Television shows on the Food Network such as *Iron Chef*, *Boy Meets Grill* with Bobby Flay and *Emeril Live with Emeril Lagasse*, have made playtime in the kitchen – real or toy – more acceptable to American males.

### D. Stopping saggy pants

Some cities are trying to stop the men's fashion of wearing baggy pants below the hips. Fines were being proposed for those in Atlanta

and Trenton, N.J., caught with their pants down. In Delcambre, La the ordinance banning the exposure of underwear carries a fine of up to \$500 or six months in jail.

### E. Vampires strike

Americans are unknowingly using more electricity. Cell phone charging, computers in stand-by mode, electric toothbrushes, clocks on microwaves and DVD players, and rechargeable too, all suck up electricity when not actually being used by a person. Estimates show 5% of electricity use in the U.S. is from stand-by power, or vampire electronics, and that could reach 20% by 2010.

## HITTING THE BOOKS

- 60% of preschool children ages 3-5 were read to daily by a family member in 2005, up 53% from 1990.
- Book sales for U.S. teens increased 20% between 1999 and 2005.
- 25% of U.S. adults did not read a book in 2006.

National Center for Health Statistics, *Best Books for Young Adults* 3rd edition, Associated Press/Ipsos poll



California banned teens ages 17 and under from using their cell phones while driving.



More teens are graduating from high school – 88% in 2005, compared with 84% in 1980.

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